

**NAPA RIVER, SALT MARSH RESTORATION  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The 426 square mile Napa River Basin is located approximately 45 miles north of San Francisco, California, along the northern portion of San Francisco Bay. The Napa Salt Marsh wetlands originally encompassed 25,000 acres but agriculture and development have reduced this wetland to 36% of its former extent. In 1994, the Cargill Salt Company ceased production of salt and sold 9,850 acres of evaporator ponds and associated lands on the west side of the Napa River to the State of California. The land is currently managed by the California Department of Fish and Game (Fish and Game). The California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) and Fish and Game have identified the deterioration of pond levees, water quality and increasing pond salinities as increasing threats to migratory birds and the four endangered and threatened species inhabiting the project site.

**TOTAL FUNDING:**

TOTAL COST:	\$ 700,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 525,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 175,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 138,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 387,000

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Complete Pre-Construction engineering and design phase project management plan and cost sharing agreement. Initiate engineering analysis, plans and specifications for construction.

FY 06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If the project is authorized through WRDA and funds are available, a cost sharing agreement will be completed and construction may begin.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The CCC and Fish and Game proposed that the Napa Salt Marsh Project be added to the Water Resources Development Act of 2004 in order to accelerate the construction schedule required for restoring the site. With this goal in mind, the San Francisco District had a Chief's Report completed for the final Feasibility Report by June 2004. The Chief's report was signed in December 2004. The project requires WRDA authorization before construction may commence.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1<sup>st</sup> District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 6<sup>th</sup> District, Rep. Lynne Woolsey; 7<sup>th</sup> District, Rep. George Miller; 8<sup>th</sup> District, Rep. Nancy Pelosi; 10<sup>th</sup> District, Rep. Ellen Tauscher

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